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Further enquiries concerning Jules KUTRON show that prior to the issuance of a Rumanian passport (No. 880786/416) on 10 September 1931 by the Rumanian Legation at Brussels, another passport had been issued to him, by the same Legation on 4 August 1926 (No. 475381).

It appears furthermore that during his stay in Japan the Rumanian Legation at Tokio delivered to him a certificate of nationality, which most probably is still in his possession.

On 15 (21 ?) September Jules and his brother José, (the latter accompanied by his wife, who is said to have still a Belgian passport) left Japan by the "Katori Maru", having been expelled from that country on account of various thefts, committed by them in Tokio, Yokohama and Kobe. It appears to have been their intention to proceed afterwards from Shanghai to Canada.

The passport, issued to Jules in 1931, was sent by him on its expiration, to the Rumanian Legation at Tokio, together with the money necessary for a new passport. This passport however was returned to him with a request for further particulars, which he has so far failed to produce. It is to be surmised therefore that Jules, apart from his declaration of nationality, possesses still the Rumanian passport mentioned above.

His application for a Hungarian passport with the Netherlands Consulate General appears to be unfounded and will not be entertained.

The last address given by Jules Kutron was 132 Rte Vallon, room 22; his brother José was said to live at 183 in the same street.

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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEK-CHINA.

No. 3333.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. E. REGISTRY.

No. D 5411

Date 10 / 11 / 33
9 November 1933

SHANGHAI

Dear Givens,

I have for acknowledgment
your letter No. D. 5411 of ⁸ November, for
which I thank you very much; also for
the reproductions made of the photograph
of Jules Kutron.

Yours sincerely,

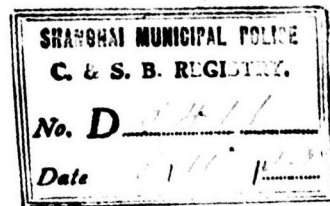
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T. P. Givens, Esquire,
Officer i/c Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

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Dear Van den Berg,

I have to thank you for your letter No. 3183 of October 28 enclosing a photograph of Jules Kutron and a memorandum on the same person. I am returning herewith the original photograph together with an extra copy of it for your use. I have sent one copy of the photograph to Monsieur Sarly and one to Mr. Steptoe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "JVG".

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General.

November 8

33.

Dear Sarly,

I am sending you herewith a photograph
of Jules Kutron which I have received from the
Netherlands Consulate-General from whom, I understand,
you have received a memorandum on this person.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'MG' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Monsieur R. Sarly,

French Police Headquarters.

November 8

33.

My dear Steptoe,

I forward herewith a photograph of Jules Kutron which I have received from the local Netherlands Consulate-General.

Kutron claims to be a Hungarian subject but the Hungarian papers in his possession do not prove that this is so. He is in possession of a Roumanian passport issued to him at Brussels (No. 880786) on September 10, 1931.

Kutron was recently deported from Japan for shoplifting. On October 20, 1933 he was charged before the Special District Court for shoplifting and uttering a fraudulently altered banknote and was sentenced to four months imprisonment. This sentence was suspended for two years.

According to the local Netherlands Consulate, Kutron was born in Roumania on August 25, 1900 and his wife, Julie Vincent, was originally of Belgian nationality. They are at present residing at No. 183 Route Vallon.

Yours sincerely,



H.N. Steptoe, Esq.,
British Consulate-General.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
REGISTRY

S.2. 5411 Station

Date November 24, 1933

Subject (in full) Enquiry re Jules Kutron

Made by D.S. Jones

Forwarded by

ASD Guerey

With reference to the attached confidential document from the Netherlands Consulate-General on the subject of one Jules Kutron or Kurton and to the endorsement made by the Officer i/c Special Branch asking for short comment, I have to report that enquiries have been instituted regarding the antecedents of this individual.

The Political Section of the French Police has been approached but, according to Mr Sarly, the only information in the possession of the French Police respecting Kutron is that embodied in the attached document, a copy of which was also received by them from the Netherlands Consulate.

From perusal of the attached communication one gathers that there is a suspicion that the person calling himself Jules Kutron or Kurton may not be the man to whom the identification papers mentioned were originally issued. There appears some justification for this suspicion when one considers the fact of the entries and erasures on this man's documents, which, to quote the Netherlands Consulate, "do not make the impression of having been made in an official manner." Then again, none of the photographs on the papers resembles strikingly the person representing himself to be Jules Kutron.

I consider the possibility of Kutron being an agent of the 111rd International rather remote. Kutron gives me the impression of being purely and simply a crook.

He was recently deported from Japan not, as he explains, for taking photographs in a prohibited area, but for shoplifting.

A short time ago Kutron purchased a lot of gimcrackery for re-sell at a profit. He is apparently a plausible rogue, for he is reported that he managed to dispose of a number of

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brass watches at a fair price to members of the Chinese Branch of the French Police, the latter being persuaded that they were purchasing the genuine gold article.

Kutron appeared before the Special District Court on October 20 to answer a charge of Shoplifting and one of Uttering a fraudulently altered Bank-note.

It appears that on the previous day he entered the store of Messrs Lane Crawford in Nanking Road and tendered a 100 Mark Bank-note in payment of a purchase. The date on the bank-note, which was issued in 1909 and was consequently valueless, had been altered to read 1929. When the shop assistant's back was turned Kutron stole a pair of stockings which he hid under his overcoat.

For these two offences he was sentenced to four months' imprisonment; sentence to be suspended for two years.

He is now reported to be residing at No. 183 Route Vallon.

Attached are the requested six copies of the photograph, together with the original, of the person known as Jules Kutron.

Ch Jones
D.S.

Officer i/c Special Branch

D. B. (G. rme)

Information

J. H. Lewis

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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 3183.

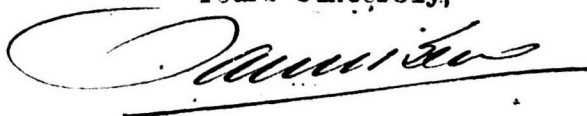
SHANGHAI, 28. October 1933.

Dear Mr. Givens,

Many thanks for the copies of the "Anti-War News" sent by your letter of the 26th instant D.5297. I am still looking forward to the memorandum on the secret meeting of the Anti-War Congress, which you promised me in your letter of 13 October, D.4380/4.

I enclose herewith a picture of the man purported to be Jules Kutron. Could you have copies thereof sent to Mr. Steptoe and to Monsieur Sarly and also have an extra copy made for me? This one I would like to receive back.

Yours sincerely,



T.P. Givens, Esquire,
Officer i/c Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

\$2 For attention please.

OCT. 30 1933

*Returned 8/11
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On 26 October 1933 a person called at the Office of the Netherlands Consulate General, temporarily in charge of Hungarian Interests, who stated to be ^{Josef} Jules KUTRON, profession a shoemaker, born at Nagyvarad (Grosswarden), 25 July 1900, living at 38 Rte Vallon, nationality Hungarian, holder of a Hungarian passport 1004 No. B.087804 issued at Madrid 2-XI-1924, bearing the following visas: 3-XI-'24 Italian visé issued at Madrid

4-XII-'24 French Visé issued at Milan

1-XII-'24 visé for Haiti

20-VII-'25 Mexican visé issued at St. Nazaire

13-X-'25 an annotation from the Hungarian Consulate in Mexico (without any stamps or seals) for travelling in the interior of Mexico.

He also showed a letter from the Hungarian Consul General at Marseille dated 28-1-25, No. 214/1925 authorising him to embark on any vessel leaving that port.

From other papers it was shown that he served on the "Josiah Macy" from 15-2-26 till 15-3-26.

According to a paper issued by the Hamburg Police he registered there on 29-3-26 and was said to live at the house of a certain Naehmann.

On 2-4-26 the Hungarian Legation at Berlin issued a certificate No. 4553, stating that Kutron had applied for a passport, but that pending the issue of a passport by the competent authorities, this certificate was issued to him, which did not imply however that he was recognised as a Hungarian subject.

The Hungarian Legation Brussels requests in a document, dated 18-4-26 that a "permission de séjour temporaire" be issued to Kurten or Kutron.

On 12 August 1927 the USA Dept. of Labor at Washington wrote to Kutron (letter No. 55462/527), 129 Rue du Midi, Brussels, that it had requested the District Director of Immigration, Baltimore,

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Texas, to forward Kurton's passport to the American Consul at Rotterdam, with instructions to retain same until called for by Kurton upon his arrival at that port as a member of the crew of the "Josiah Macy".

According to Kurton, the passport referred to above, was the one he showed now.

Kurton also showed a letter from the "Chargeurs Réunis" at Budapest, No. 112/Ch, dated 8 Aug. 1932 informing him that the passage price for a voyage from Marseille to Singapore would cost 3718.60 French francs.

Kurton furthermore showed a green booklet, International Agreement Form V.44, Personal Card, Identification No. 1090/3 showing that he had been treated in Hongkong on 6 June 1933, 29 Aug. 1933 at Tokyo, 27 Sept. 1933 at Shanghai.

Many of the documents shown contain entries and erasures which do not make the impression of having been made in an official manner, none of the photographs on his papers are clear or resemble strikingly the person who presented himself as Jules Kurton.

At first Kurton stated that after leaving Mexico in 1926 he stayed all the time in Belgium, where he said he was working in the shoefactory "Hofman", at Brussels. His papers show however that he, before leaving for Singapore, was in various countries in Europe.

He also said that he lost the passport issued to him by the Hungarian Consul at Brussels and that he travelled to Batavia only on his sailor's papers, a statement which is hardly believable.

From information at hand Jules Kurton was born in Roumania on 25 August 1900 and a Roumanian passport was issued to him at Brussels (No. 830786) on 10 September 1931. His brother Josef Kurton however appears to have been born at Nagygarad on 17

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February 1909 and to be in possession of a Hungarian passport issued at Batavia (No. 64366) and signed by the Hungarian Consulate (?) at The Hague on 10 April 1933.

Further inquiries are being made especially with regard to the Hungarian papers in his possession and a report ^{thereon} will be made in due time. José Kurton is also said to be living at Rte Vallon No. 38 with his wife Julie Vincent, originally of Belgian nationality. Jules Kurton speaks German, French and English, but none of these languages very well.

Shanghai, 26 October 1933.

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On 23 October 1933 the person calling himself Jules Kutron presented himself again at the office of the Netherlands Consulate General, where he was told to return with his brother and the papers the latter is carrying. The brother was said to be engaged in negotiating a contract for giving theatrical performances as a dancer in Nanking, for which place he might have to leave any moment.

The address of the brothers was now stated, to be 132 Route Yallon, room 22.

It appears that none of the Hungarian papers shown by Jules Kutron state him to be a Hungarian subject, although they mention him as being a resident of Hungary.

On 30 October Jules Kutron returned in the presence of his brother Josz Kutron and the latter's wife. Josz Kutron is in possession of a Hungarian passport A 064.366/366/1933 issued by the Hungarian Legation at The Hague on 10 April 1933. He was born at Nagyvárad (Germ. Grosswardein, Rum. Orasi Mari) on 17 February 1909, his wife at Alost (Belgium) on 4 August 1894. They were married at Budapest on 29 February 1932, Registrar's deed No. 220, and when in that city were living at VII Alsoerdősor 12. In the presence of Jules they admitted that the latter had received a Rumanian passport, and Jules thereupon no longer denied that he had travelled all the way from Europe without a passport. His Rumanian passport he said had been despatched to the Rumanian Legation at Tokio for extension, but his letters to the Legation had remained unanswered. Inquiries are now being made as to the correctness of this statement.

30 October 1933.

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